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Classified By: A/POL COUNSELOR JEFF HOVENIER. REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

¶1. (C) On 11 July, A/Pol Counselor and Poloff delivered ref A points on NTM-I to Ambassador Heracles Asteriades, Director of the MFA D-2 Directorate for the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) and the Western European Union (WEU). A/Pol Counselor emphasized that now that the NAC had taken a decision to enhance the NTM-I Mission it was essential for Allies to provide the necessary resources to make this decision a reality. Asteriades stated Greece would carefully consider these points, but reiterated that Greece faced enormous political constraints on the question of deploying any personnel to Iraq, including to NTM-I. After reviewing the possible requirements, he suggested that Greece might be prepared to consider providing temporary guest lecturers at the National Defense University. We reiterated that NTM-I's needs are real, that Greece has the assets to help fill these new requirements, and it is important that Greece carefully consider a contribution to NTM-I.
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